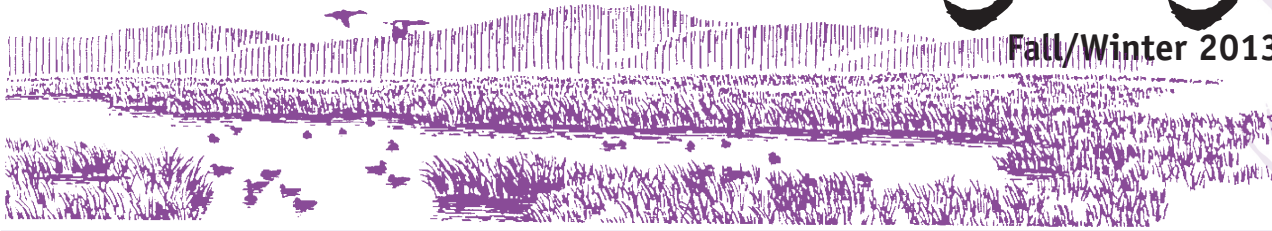


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Save the Date!

**The 2014
Grays Harbor
Shorebird
Festival
will be held
April 25-27
in Hoquiam.**

The Refuge Welcomes a New Manager!

The Refuge welcomes Glynnis Nakai, who has “escaped” the excessively warm, sunny days on Maui to seek new adventures in Washington! For many, her move from a tropical paradise to Washington begs the question, “Why?” In her own words, the transfer to Nisqually NWRC was a much needed change “to broaden my knowledge in unfamiliar territory and the need to have different challenges.” So, after spending 16 years managing refuges in the Hawaiian Islands, Glynnis becomes the new Refuge Manager for the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex, filling a vacancy after Jean Takekawa’s retirement last January.

Glynnis has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 23 years and has worked on refuges in Hawaii (8 of the 12 Hawaii refuges) and Massachusetts. Her affinity for the outdoors started at a young age while growing up in Colorado and was fostered while achieving her Bachelor’s degree in Zoology and Environmental Science (minor in Resource Management) from the University of Hawaii, and a Master’s degree in Wildlife Biology and Management at University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Her range of experience is broad, from starting as a GS-2 Biological Aide monitoring green sea turtle nesting at

French Frigate Shoals in the Hawaiian Archipelago, to migratory shorebird work at Parker River NWR in Massachusetts, to visitor services at Midway Atoll. She has now stepped into Washington with a new sense of discovery and anticipation of exploring different biomes. As manager for the Nisqually NWR Complex, she will continue Jean’s work on land acquisition at Nisqually NWR and at the Black River Unit, com-

plete the Grays Harbor NWR/Black River Unit Comprehensive Conservation Plan (with the refuge staff), continue the wonderful working relationship with partners (as well as seek new ones), and have general oversight of the refuges’ operations.

During off-hours, Glynnis enjoys hiking, birding and photography, and has been exploring Washington with maps and guides in hand.

In the meantime, she is also scoping out fly-fishing areas and opportunities. Although a little slow acclimatizing to Washington’s temperatures, she is none the less looking forward to cross-country skiing and learning how to snowshoe this winter. Once spring turns the corner she will be kayaking the state’s waterways. Unfortunately, some of the activities she enjoyed in Hawaii, such as snorkeling and diving, will have to be kept for vacations to warmer climates! ✈



Enter the 2014 Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival Poster Contest!

If you are a 1-6 grade student in Grays Harbor County, then you are eligible to participate in the 2014 poster contest by drawing or painting one of our local shorebirds! Artwork will be judged based on accuracy, originality and artistic skill. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place winners in each grade. Entries can be created using any medium with an unmatted/framed size of 12" x 18". The deadline for this year's contest is Friday, April 4th. You can mail entries to Shorebird Poster Contest, c/o Port of Grays Harbor, PO Box 660, Aberdeen, WA 98520 or hand deliver them to Port of Grays Harbor, 111 South Wooding St., Aberdeen, WA 98520. First place winning artwork will be used in publicity for the 2015 Shorebird Festival. For questions or entry forms, please contact Sheila McCartan, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge at (360)753-9467 or sheila_mccartan@fws.gov. ✂

Right, "Willet at Sunset," 2013 Best of Show by Cosmopolis Elementary School 6th grade student Kendall Cavin.



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News in Brief

- Two adult male bears are wintering over at the Refuge: A male black bear and a male grizzly bear! Don't worry; they mean no harm. They can be seen up close in our Visitor Center auditorium, where they are part of an informational exhibit about bears.
- This Fall's run of Chinook Salmon is the first where a portion of adults returning to the Nisqually River may have benefited from the dike removal completed four years ago as part of the Nisqually River delta restoration. Increasing salmon numbers would indicate the restoration effort has been beneficial, but many years of data will be required to determine a definite trend and whether or not the restoration has truly increased returning fish numbers. The population can be affected by many factors throughout their lives, from flooding in the river as eggs and fry, to varying ocean conditions as they mature.
- Amazing, record quantities of rainfall through September culminated in a downpour on the weekend of the Nisqually Watershed Festival. It was the first time the festival has seen rain in its entire 24 years. Despite a last minute scramble to physically reorganize the event, the festival atmosphere remained light and the day was enjoyed by all who attended.
- From October 1 through October 16, the Refuge was unexpectedly closed due to fiscal debate in Washington DC. This closure coincided with peak foliage color and with peak fall bird migration, so many visitors regretfully missed these seasonal events.
- This December marks the 10 year anniversary of the Wednesday morning bird walk, begun and still led weekly by Refuge volunteer Phil Kelley. The walk has become an institution in and of itself and is a magnet for the area's top birders. If you haven't been on this bird walk, winter is the perfect time to give it a try! ✂

Despite Rain, Nisqually Watershed Festival Enjoyed by All



"Raptors of the North Woods" raptor show at the main stage tent



Educational exhibits in the Education Center



The Salmon t-shirt print station



Kids working at Home Depot's Build-a-Bughouse



A child viewing a grizzly bear's claws



A child emerges from "Drain Dare"

New Volunteers at The Refuge



In October, the Refuge held an orientation and welcomed the latest class of volunteers. Pictured here from left to right, Volunteer Coordinator Michael Schramm with new volunteers Donna Rice, Judy Konopaski, Grizzle E. Bear, Ellen Sweet-in, Nathanael Swecker, Lisa Crowder, and Jane Kessler. Not pictured: Jessica Harris, Ray Simkins, and Mary Winkler.

Enter the Junior Duck Stamp contest!

Attention all kids grades K-12! Put your art skills to the test by participating in the Washington State Junior Duck Stamp contest! Art work is judged in four groups (grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) with three 1st place, three 2nd place, three 3rd place, and 16 Honorable Mentions awarded in each group. Place winners receive a prize; all winners receive certificates and ribbons. Washington Best in Show continues on to the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest, where first through third place winners receive a \$1,000, \$500 and \$200 cash prize respectively. The winning design of the national contest is used for the \$5 Junior Duck stamp, sales of which are used to provide funding for K-12 environmental education programs. If interested in entering the contest, check out <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/> for details and entry applications. The deadline to enter this year's contest is March 15. Feel free to contact Michael Schramm with any questions at 360-753-9467 or by email at michael_schramm@fws.gov. ✎



Judges examining finalists for the 2013 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

New and Renewing Friends Membership Summer/Fall 2013

Senior/Student (\$15)

David & Dolly Yates
Joani Easterlund
Lorraine Potter
Marge Hayden
Herb Stumpf
Helen E. Hepp
Phyllis Standefer
Archie Blakely
Donald Ayers
Tricia Shaw
Norine Meyer Weekly
Lin Zenki
Barbara Malone
Thomas G. Malone
Gary Bostwick
Diane Kerlin
Llyn De Danaan

Carol Horner
Herman K. Nickel
Glenis Nielsen
Lillian Reseck
William R. Chastain
Gerald West

Individual (\$25)

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Jean Gillmer
Georgie Douglas
Mary Winkler
Kay Lennartson
Helen Engle
Allan M. Warner

Family (\$50)

Susan & Rob Ahlschwede
Phil & Mary Gleb
Michael S. Clark
George & Sandra Bush

Steve & Kathryn
Hamilton Wang
Judy Covell &
Mike Kretzler
Christine Mackey
& Family
Karen Petersen
Gail Trotter & Paul Allen
Dave & Laura Nicol

Supporting (\$100)

Trina Frager &
Sevey Williams
Mary Goodsell

Terry & Gerry Hodge
Nora Mena
Basil & Verena Grieco
Elizabeth Hansen
Jean Takekawa
Wenche M. Faiola
Ellan Sweetin &
Wendy Taylor
Kristin & Michael Stewart

Partner (\$250)

Charles Wilkinsen &
Melanie Ito

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☐ \$25 Individual
☐ \$50 Family
☐ \$100 Supporting
☐ \$250 Partner
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- ☐ \$250 Business Sponsor
☐ \$500 Community Partner
☐ \$1000 Sustaining Business
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Please make checks payable to: Friends of Nisqually NWRC, 100 Brown Farm Rd, Olympia, WA 98516

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**Planning a field trip to Nisqually National
Wildlife Refuge?**

Attend one of our free field trip orientation workshops to get all the tools you need to confidently guide your students on a meaningful outdoor learning experience. You will be introduced to our hands on indoor activities in our Education Center, hike the Twin Barns Loop Trail, and learn about one of the largest restoration projects in the Puget Sound! Refreshments will be provided.

Workshop Dates:

Saturday, January 11th, 9am-1pm

Saturday, February 22nd, 9am-1pm

Saturday, March 15th, 9am-1pm

Wednesday, April 2nd, 4pm-8pm

Each year, from May 15th to the end of the school year only teachers who have participated in a workshop within the past 3 years are able to schedule a class for their field trip.

Location: Education Center at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (From I-5 Take Exit 114 and follow signs)

Clock hours are available for a fee, approved by ESD113.

To Register: Download the registration form from our website fws.gov/refuge/Nisqually

Under the Visit tab select "For Educators" and then Teacher Training.

For more information:

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